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Unemployment jumps to 23% among Building Trades unions

from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

TAKE A MEMO, MISS JONES

To Thomas E. Dewey:

Good thing you didn't get elected President of the United States.

Understand the Japanese are paying you \$200,000 a year to push their exports in this country.

Even Eisenhower, who received a farm at Gettysburg from his U. S. big business pals, didn't have it that good!

Who said it's FREE trade?

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WHAT DID JOHN L. SAY?

To Thomas Kennedy:

As President of the United Mine Workers, you said the only unions making organizing progress are the (so-called) independents, especially the UMW's District 50.

Just in case this is true (which I doubt), do they always do it by undercutting AFLCIO wages?

Or is what happened in the Fresno area a mere coincidence?

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ALL SIDES, EXCEPT . . .

To Assemblyman Don Mulford:

If we can't have free speech at a public university, where else are we going to have it?

I refer to your statement about Frank Wilkinson, the alleged Communist, to wit:

"As far as I am concerned, he is entirely welcome to speak anywhere else, on any subject he chooses. But not on university property."

As an alumnus of the University of California and as the owner of 1/15,000,000th of it (the same as you), I protest.

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'UNDER GOD' . . .

To All Assemblymen:

You won't get rid of the Reds in Sacramento by saluting the flag every day.

Besides, they're all up in Humboldt County. And U.C.

When they do salute, listen closely. If they leave out "under God," they may be atheists. And you know how atheists are politically!

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TRUST-ING, AREN'T THEY?

To Oakland City Council:

Are you sure you didn't buy ANYTHING from G.E.?

How about the other 28 companies?

Where have you been buying your heavy electrical equipment?

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Ash comments on City Council endorsements

The Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education (COPE) will interview candidates for the Oakland City Council later this week, Robert S. Ash, Central Labor Council and COPE executive secretary, announced Monday night.

COPE will also interview those seeking election to the Oakland Board of Education.

(Berkeley endorsements will be found elsewhere on this page. South County Junior College District endorsements are on page 3.)

WILL FIGHT RISHELL

In commenting upon interviews of Oakland mayoralty candidates by the COPE Executive Board last week, Ash said he will do everything in his power to block any move to endorse Mayor Clifford Rishell for re-election.

Rishell changed his statement at least twice when asked whether he would support a city right-to-work law, Ash said.

The mayor also took full credit for the slum clearance and urban renewal program, according to Ash, who said the mayor does not deserve credit for it.

Furthermore, Ash said, Rishell — when asked about programs to promote more jobs — professed ignorance of what the Chamber of Commerce does with the \$68,000 it receives annually from the city.

COPE ENDORSES BROWN, KENT, SWEENEY, NICHOLS

Four candidates for Berkeley city offices were endorsed by the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education (COPE) last week.

They are: William T. (Zack) Brown, T. J. Kent Jr. and Wilmont Sweeney, candidates for City Council, and Roy Nichols, who is running for the Board of Education.

Kent is an incumbent. Endorsements were made by the COPE Executive Committee, given full power to act by delegates in the Berkeley races.

'Harvest of Shame' to be shown at Monday's CLC meeting; guests invited

"Harvest of Shame" the CBS documentary television film on the plight of migrant farm workers, will be shown at Monday's Central Labor Council meeting.

Wives and other guests are invited. The film will be shown at the beginning of the meeting at 8 p.m., followed by a short program. Guests may leave after this.

The program will be held in Miller Hall (Hall M) on the third floor of the Labor Temple. The CLC will also wind up its clothing drive for farm workers. Bring clothes, especially men's work clothes, to the meeting if you can.

"Harvest of Shame" was produced by Edward R. Murrow and received wide praise.

Suffridge visits area, lists terms for ending Sears boycott

Labor's boycott of Sears, Roebuck & Co. will continue until its anti-labor practices end, President James A. Suffridge of the Retail Clerks International Assn. pledged on a visit to Berkeley last week.

Suffridge presented diplomas to 115 Clerks' officials from nine western states Friday at a one-week seminar held in cooperation with the University of California's Institute of International Relations.

At a press conference afterwards, he said Sears had backed down on oral union shop agreements of up to 20 years' standing in some areas, including San Francisco and Seattle.

The boycott will continue, Suffridge said, until Sears:

• Agrees to initiate a satisfactory modified union shop

clause with the Clerks in any of its stores where the union represents employees, and

• Gives assurance that it will "discontinue labor spies and other Shefferman-like techniques."

Suffridge said a satisfactory modified union shop clause would be one in which all future employees under its contract jurisdiction would be required to become members of the Clerks union, but present non-members would not be forced to join.

Shefferman's anti-union activities on behalf of Sears, Roebuck & Co. have been widely publicized and were the subject of testimony before the McClellan Committee.

Suffridge, who was formerly

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Carpenters plan to cut off per capita to Building Trades

Carpenters threatened to cut off their per capita tax to the Building Trades Council last week.

Although the issue has been brewing for some time, the straw which broke the proverbial camel's back was a dispute involving the new Estuary tube.

Laborers 304 picketed the project until ordered to stop by Superior Judge Ralph E. Hoyt. They said their picketing was aimed at hirings in violation of their contract and was directed at the contractor.

However, the Carpenters took the position that the Laborers' target was Pile Drivers 34, a Carpenters' affiliate.

Involved was underwater cement work on the Estuary tube project.

Most other unions ignored the picket line, which was not sanctioned by the BTC.

BARTALINI STATEMENT

C. R. Bartalini, secretary of the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, said:

"We are taking the position that until the national Building Trades Department of the AFLCIO can get its local building trades councils to compel its affiliates to abide by and respect the rules and procedures governing jurisdictional disputes it's meaningless to pay a per capita tax to a central body."

Bartalini said he has notified the Building Trades Council and the AFLCIO Building and Construction Trades Department that the 10 Carpenter locals are withholding their per capita tax from the BTC effective immediately.

However, Bruce Dillashaw of Cement Masons 594 said no per capita tax has fallen due since the Carpenters' action.

Dillashaw was acting as business representative for the BTC. Both Bartalini and J. L. Childers, BTC business representative, were in Washington, D. C., attending the national legislative conference of the Building and Construction Trades Department.

Dillashaw took the position that the BTC had nothing to do with the dispute. He said it is unfair for the Carpenters to penalize the council and that the council could not sit as a judge in the dispute.

In addition, Dillashaw cited the Laborers' contention that the problem was not jurisdictional but involved, instead, company hiring practices.

The 10 Carpenters' and affiliated locals involved have about 5,000 members.

Survey of local unions shows 4,077 jobless

March unemployment in Building Trades unions is higher than in January.

A survey of members registered on out-of-work lists of BTC affiliates shows that 4,077 building tradesmen in Alameda County are out of work.

This is about 23 per cent of the on-site construction workers in BTC-affiliated unions.

A similar survey in January showed 21 per cent unemployed.

Operating Engineers 3 reported that 50 per cent of its members in this county are still out of work — the same as in January.

Nine unions reported higher unemployment in March than in January. Nine reported no change. Six reported fewer unemployed.

The survey was compiled by J. L. Childers, BTC business representative, from lists furnished by local unions.

Here are percentages unemployed in various unions:

Local	Jan.	March
Asbestos Workers	12%	0%
Boilermakers 10	33	33
Bricklayers 8	27	27
Carpet & Linoleum Layers 1290	6	2
Cement Msns 594	27	30
Laborers 304	30	33
Electrical Wrks. 595	6	19
Elevator Const. 8	12	12
Glaziers 169	12	25
Hod Carriers 166	26	30
Iron workers 378	20	14
Lathers 88	12	12
Painters 40	17	23
Painters 127	17	24
Painters 1178	16	18
Plasterers 112	25	25
Plumbers 444	13	7
Roofers 81	31	35
Sheet Metal 216	20	20
Steamfitters 342	40	20
Tile Setters 19	20	20
Tile Setters Helpers 22	14	10
Upholsterers 3	40	40
All Carpenter Unions	15	15

Central Labor Council wins new 37½-hr. fight

As the East Bay Labor Journal went to press, the Board of Supervisors voted to put county janitors and stationary engineers back on a 37½-hour work week.

This makes the Central Labor Council's victory complete in getting all county employees not covered by Section 47 of the County Charter back on a 37½-hour week.

HOW TO BUY

One million cars for sale

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

The severe winter discouraged car buying.

Result: One million 1961 models are looking for buyers. That's the present inventory of cars.

In general, prices have been shaded as the result of manufacturer cuts and slightly larger dealer discounts.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says 1961 new car prices are running about 3 per cent below last year's quotations on the average. Most notably, list prices of several compact models were reduced for 1961.

This is not a bad year to buy a car. The compacts introduced last year proved popular and some of the early bugs have been eliminated. One of every four cars sold last year was a compact.

POPULARITY of the compacts has cut into the used car market. Prices of used cars are about 13 per cent below a year ago, even though they edged up a little recently.

Actually, the auto factories could charge much less for new cars.

Experts say the factories price cars so that they will make a profit even if they operate at just a little over half capacity. Then if they do sell a larger volume, their profits spiral at an accelerated rate.

That's why the factories shade prices late in the summer — to get that extra, most-profitable volume above the basic volume on which they establish their initial prices.

This formula results in high prices and ultimately is self-defeating and damaging to the national economy.

If the manufacturers set their prices lower on a higher capacity formula, they would get their higher volume, more people could go back to work, and some of the risky old cars would be scrapped.

Certainly there is a big market for cars if prices were lower.

Last year's scrappage rate was the lowest in seven years. The average car on the road now is seven years old.

Runzheimer & Co., automotive accountants, suggests that heavily used cars might well be traded in after three years. At that point, Runzheimer estimates, the cost of repairs begins to catch up with the depreciation (annual loss in market value).

Of course, a thrifty family that takes care of its car can get much more than three years out of it; in fact, generally has to. But there's no doubt a lot of cars on the road today would be junked if their drivers could afford newer ones.

PUBLIC demand for economy has caused a notable shift in cars, especially a return to six cylinder engines.

For the first time in years, fewer than half the new cars sold recently have been eight cylinder models. In comparison, in 1957 four out of five cars were bought with eight cylinder engines.

Similarly, compact car buyers are sticking to standard instead of automatic transmissions.

The compacts also have cut into sales of small foreign cars. These now are more subject to price cutting and also are not bringing as much in the resale market as formerly.

The Federal Trade Commission has just issued an order prohibiting one distributor of foreign cars (Rootes Motors) from claiming that parts and services are immediately available in any area. FTC alleged that sometimes parts could not be obtained "for substantial periods of time."

SHOPPING for a new car, you have to be careful about the prices quoted.

Some dealers may offer a low price or a high trade in allowance but charge an exaggerated amount for finance fees or insurance. In California, an Assembly investigating committee found excessive insurance charges one of the major abuses in car selling.

Others included signing blank contracts, failure to deliver a copy of the contract at time of sale, and balloon payments (a final payment so large the buyer sometimes can't meet it).

Only way to combat finance and insurance overcharges is to get an itemized written list of these charges as well as of the car itself. Compare these charges with those of other dealers and independent insurance companies. There is no legal requirement that you buy your insurance through the car dealer.

YOU can't expect as much of a discount on a compact as on a more expensive car. On American, Corvair, Falcon, Valiant and Comet, the dealer has a margin of only \$350 to \$388 to negotiate with, in addition to his profit on optional equipment. Obviously he must make some profit. On the Lark, Tempest and Rambler DeLuxe, the dealer has \$400-\$550 to play with. On full size cars, he has \$500 and more for negotiation.

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Picket line briefs

Perhaps it is not highly educational, but it is sure amusing to listen to pickets on a line.

Some things heard this week:

"Did you know that a 25-cent package of dried split peas can make enough soup for the average family for two meals?"

"Potato soup is not only nourishing and economical, but tastes good too."

"A car with burned out mufflers can be driven with no trouble if all the starts are made very slow and easy."

"Many wives find that it is not the toughest thing in the world to iron shirts." — KXTX Strike Bulletin.

Billboard bill

The State Senate has approved by 35-1 a bill giving county supervisors the power to designate scenic highways and regulate billboards on them.

Termed a "compromise" bill, the bill has been sent to the Assembly.

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Bill hits shady auto selling

Unethical auto sales and financing practices are the target of a law proposed by Assemblyman Thomas M. Rees, Los Angeles Democrat.

Rees wants to:

- Force dealers to list actual financing charges.

- Make liens on real estate second trust deeds illegal in car purchases.

- Make dealers notify buyers by registered mail four days in advance of the amount needed to retain possession of cars with delinquent payments.

- Make them notify buyers in the same manner where repossessed cars are located.

- Require refunds of down payments on uncompleted sales.

- Extend other protections in the Unruh installment sales act to car sales.

Sales tax reform bill introduced

A bill requiring merchants to compute sales tax on a buyer's total bill, rather than separately on each item, has been introduced in the Assembly.

Introduced by Assemblyman Bert DeLotto, Fresno Democrat, the bill has the endorsement of the State Board of Equalization.

Charging tax in individual items costs the consumer more. Some stores have been doing this, but paying the state only on the basis of total items sold.

The Board of Equalization also endorsed a proposal by State Consumer Counsel Helen Nelson that improperly collected sales tax be turned over to the state.

Mrs. Nelson said this is to stop collection of sales taxes for services.

Whither?

The Business Agent sat in the rear of the smoking car, reading the report of his international union, when the conductor asked him for his train ticket.

He searched frantically for several minutes.

Finally, the conductor said, "Never mind. When you find it, mail it to the company. I'm certain you have it."

"I know I have it," snapped back the B.A. "But what I want to know is, where am I going?" — Mine Workers Journal.

Milk prices

Milk prices in Alameda and Contra Costa counties will take their seasonal drop April 1.

Prices will drop one cent in most Northern California counties. They will go up again in September.

Dental plans

Unions sponsored or co-sponsored more than two-fifths of the dental prepayment plans in operation in the United States in April, 1960, according to a study made by the U.S. Public Health Service.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

PRICE FIXING means higher prices.

The federal government has more price fixing investigations under way.

If these are successfully prosecuted, consumers will enjoy lower prices on many products.

BOBBY KENNEDY, the U. S. attorney general, made these statements in a radio and television interview Sunday.

His department, Kennedy said, is conducting price fixing investigations in the meat, milk and drug industries.

A new investigation is under way in the electrical equipment industry.

It was the big price fixing conspiracy in the heavy electrical equipment industry (involving 29 large corporations and 44 of their executives) that lowered prices 30 to 40 per cent, Kennedy said.

The new price fixing case involves different kinds of electrical equipment.

Atty. Gen. Kennedy said his department has investigations under way in almost every major metropolitan area.

IN AN EDITORIAL Feb. 17, we raised the issue of corporate morality involving the nation's biggest electrical firms and the contempt some of their top executives showed for the interests of federal, state and local government agencies which purchased their products.

The President's brother has made it clear that price fixing is not just confined to one industry.

And he has pointed out that it affects the purchasing power of every consumer's paycheck.

Survey praises consumer counsel

State Consumer Counsel Helen Nelson is performing "a unique and valuable service."

This statement was made in a report by a special study committee on the consumer counsel's office, appointed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown.

The committee was headed by Roger Boas, San Francisco car dealer. It surveyed 125 business men. With a few exceptions, most indicated approval of Mrs. Nelson's office and her defense of consumer interests.

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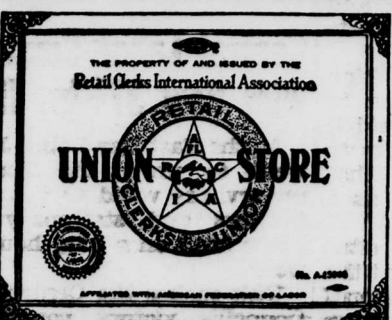
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Auto Mechanics 1546 wins 36 cents from big bakeries

Wage increases totalling 36 cents an hour have been won by about 40 members of Auto Mechanics 1546 employed at five major East Bay bakeries.

They also will receive an increase in pension premiums paid by employers. Present premiums are \$5 a week. Under the new contract, they will be paid \$17.50 to match a new health and welfare program of Local 1546.

This represents an increase in the value of fringe benefits of 7.2 cents an hour, according to DeWayne (Bud) Williams, business representative of Local 1546.

Management was represented by the Bay Area Council of Bakery Operators.

Union members voted to strike if necessary and received strike sanction from the Central Labor Council.

A new seniority clause and contract provision for double time for eight holidays were also negotiated.

Eighteen cents of the wage raise is retroactive to Nov. 14, 1960. The other 18 cents will go into effect Nov. 14, 1961.

On Nov. 14, 1961, the hourly wage rates for auto mechanics and maintenance men under the contract will be \$3.48½, Williams said.

Carpenters' council moves

Offices of the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters have been moved to 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, according to C. R. Bartolini, secretary.

New telephone number is PRospect 1-2066.

Formerly, the Carpenters' council has offices in the San Francisco Building Trades Temple at 200 Guerrero St. The building was severely damaged by a recent fire.



JAMES A. SUFFRIDGE, president of the Retail Clerks International Union, presents diplomas to three Oakland union officials following a five-day seminar. (See story on page 1.) Shown are, from left, Suffridge; Charles Jones, president of Food Clerks 870; Harris Wilkin, secretary-treasurer of Local 870, and Al Kidder, business representative of Department and Specialty Store Employees 1265. Photo courtesy of Oakland Tribune.

Three welfare bills get top priority: Hellender

Three legislative bills given top priority by the Governor's Advisory Committee on Children and Youth were described to the Central Labor Council by Arthur R. Hellender, assistant secretary:

- State Senate Bill 332 would modernize the State Juvenile Code and juvenile courts.

- State Senate Bill 282 would bring public health services to migrant labor camps.

- House of Representatives Bill 3865 would make Aid to Needy Children funds available in cases where the father is unemployed.

Hellender is a member of the governor's advisory committee.

Suffridge visits area, lists terms for ending Sears boycott

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secretary-treasurer of Food Clerks 870 in Oakland, said in answer to a newspaperman's question that he is not a candidate to succeed AFLCIO President George Meany when the latter retires.

LOCAL OFFICIALS

East Bay Clerks officials who received diplomas included Charles Jones and Harris Wilkin of Food Clerks 870 and Dan E. Breault and Al Kidder of Department and Specialty Store Employees 1265.

Suffridge told the Clerks officials:

"If we are to reach the white collar leadership, if we are to win the non-manual workers over to our way of thinking, we must know and study their problems. We must find some way to make the breakthrough we have not been able to make up to the present time."

Suffridge described the Retail Clerks' sponsorship of the Dave Garway television program as the first of its kind by a labor organization. He said the union is pleased with the results.

GERALD A. BROWN

Gerald A. Brown, named by President Kennedy to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board, spoke briefly. Brown has been regional director of the NLRB in San Francisco for 14 years.

Other speakers included Ben. B. Seligman, director of education and research for the RCIA, and John Hutchinson, director of labor programs for the U.C. Institute of Industrial Relations.

The seminar was the first of four to be held in various parts of the United States by the RCIA.

It covered organizing, bargaining techniques, labor history, political education, retail economics, international affairs and legal problems.

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Unionists asked to take part in peace rally; Mazey talks

Union members interested in helping launch a national disarmament campaign under supervision of the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) have been asked to take part in a peace "walk" and rally the day before Easter.

The walk will begin Saturday morning, April 1, at Golden Gate Park Panhandle and will end at Union Square, San Francisco, at 2 p.m. that day.

Emil Mazey, secretary-treasurer of the United Automobile Workers, is scheduled to be one of three speakers at the rally.

Others are scheduled to include: Seymour Melman, Columbia University physicist and disarmament expert, and the Rev. Henry Hitt Crane, retired minister of the Central Methodist Church of Detroit, Mich.

The April 1 events will be preceded by a 50-mile peace "walk" starting Tuesday, March 28, at Sunnyvale. Among those participating will be students from the University of California active in the peace movement.

Similar peace "walks" are scheduled in seven other major cities throughout the United States.

The American Friends Service Committee is calling the campaign a "Nationwide Witness for Peace" and says it will be the first nationally coordinated American demonstration for peace through disarmament.

Further information may be obtained from the Berkeley office of the American Friends Service Committee, THornwall 1-2560.

Representatives of the American Friends Service Committee are willing to appear before locals interested in the project.

Teamsters refer Hoffa plan to entire local

About 600 local drayage drivers from Teamsters 70 voted Sunday to refer the question of participating in 11-state wage talks headed by Jimmy Hoffa to the local's entire membership.

The meeting was heated, and an Executive Board resolution to take part — with assurance that Local 70's prevailing wages and conditions be kept — never got to the floor.

Copies of a statement from Teamsters President Hoffa were handed out at the door.

Candidates' night

Candidates for Oakland city offices have been invited to an open meeting of the Federation of the Hill Area Home Owner Assns. at 7:30 p.m., April 5, at the Montera Junior High School Auditorium, according to John J. Pretula, president.

A panel of three association leaders will question candidates.

Parking lot strike?

Automotive Teamsters 78 have set April 3 as a strike deadline in a contract dispute with the Downtown Merchants Parking Assn., Inc.

The Central Labor Council pledged support at its March 13 meeting.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge No. 1546 are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

The meeting hall will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Lobby.

April 4, 1961, will be a special called meeting of Lodge No. 1546 held at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. The hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.

This meeting is for the election of all Grand Lodge officers, Delegates to the AFLCIO, Canadian Labor Congress and members of the Committee on Law.

Absentee ballots may be mailed to members who reside in outlying districts more than 25 miles from the lodge room and to members who are ill and confined under doctor's orders also temporarily absent from city.

Members who desire, and are eligible for, an absentee ballot must send their request for same in writing to the recording secretary at least ten days prior to date of election.

Only those absentee ballots will be counted that are returned in a sealed envelope marked "ballot" prior to the closing of the polls.

Fraternally yours,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Meets first and third Friday of each month at the Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. MCINTOSH,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Membership meeting, Friday, March 24, 1961, 8 p.m., Hall D, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Fraternally,
ELLA BAINES,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

A regular meeting is dated for Friday, April 7. At that meeting we will honor Bro. Thomas Silva, a member of our local whose graining panel won second place at the recent Panel Contest and who received a 100 per cent grade in passing his journeyman's test. For this record he will be presented with a token that he will appreciate and enjoy for many years to come.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT S. MILLER,
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BAKERY WAGON DRIVERS 432

Notice of nomination and election of delegates to special convention of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America to be held at Miami Beach, Fla., starting July 3, 1961, for the purpose of electing a General President, General Secretary-Treasurer, Vice Presidents and Trustees of the International Union (for a term of five (5) years from the date of election at the convention, if the convention by two-thirds of the delegates, present and voting, establishes such five (5) year term to commence at this convention by amendment to Article III, Section 1); to consider amendments to the International Constitution; and to transact such other business as the convention may determine.

This local union is entitled to one delegate. The number of alternates will be determined at the nomination meeting.

Nomination meeting Tuesday, April 11, 1961, 8 p.m., Hall M, 3rd Floor, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland 12 Calif.

Election Tuesday, May 16, 1961, 8 p.m., Hall M, 3rd Floor, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland 12, Calif.

The members, at the nominating meeting, will also decide, by a majority vote, whether they wish to have their election of delegates supervised by an outside agency and, if so, by what agency and to what extent. The General Executive Board of the International Union recommends that, where practicable, there shall be such supervision. Cost of such supervision is to be borne by the local union.

Nomination and election rules are available at the union office on request.

Fraternally,
LES BENHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Business Representative

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

Please be in attendance at the final reading of the Local Union No. 36 By-Laws, Friday at 8 p.m., March 24, 1961, at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th Street, Oakland, Calif. These By-Laws will govern the actions of the local union for many years and this special called meeting is to vote on them.

We expect to continue the drive for children's, women's and men's clothes for the agricultural workers of California for about one month and want to thank you for your participation. Bring your clothing to the Union Hall.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Rd.

Don't forget to attend the meeting on March 24, 1961. The Social Committee will serve refreshments following the meeting.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Special called meeting Thursday, April 6, at 8 p.m. The question of Local 1304 re-affiliating with the Steelworkers L. and E. Committee has been placed on the agenda for 9 p.m.

Also at the meeting will be nominations for two delegates to the Legislative Conference in Sacramento April 30 to May 5.

Executive Board meets at 6:30. Stewards Council meeting this Saturday, March 25, at 10:30 a.m.

The participants of the Blood Bank program will meet Saturday, April 1, at 10:30 a.m. to elect officers and get the program officially instituted. Also this is the last day to get in your application and payments.

Fraternally,
JOHN L. GIFFIN,
Recording Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held April 4 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

The meeting of April 4 will be a special meeting for the purpose of a thorough examination of the shipyard pension plan.

Fraternally yours,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held April 1, 1961, at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, California at 2 p.m.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
VICTOR BARTELS,
Secretary

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Carpenters Local 194 will meet on the first and third Monday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building at Walnut and Central in Alameda.

Fraternally,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

PAINT MAKERS 1101

Meets on third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in Hall C of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Are your dues paid?

Fraternally,
ED MORGAN,
Recording Secretary

BUILDING SERVICE 18

Your union officials are now in negotiations with the Employers of the maintenance contractors. They offered a sick leave program and want a three year agreement with wage increases of eight cents per hour each year. At the union meeting in February the members voted to reject this offer. Further negotiations will take place and another vote will be taken at our next meeting on March 24, 1961, at 7 p.m.

Also, the second reading of the revised constitution will be held and then the vote to adopt will be taken.

Please attend your union meetings and take part in the important business of running your union.

Fraternally,
W. DOUGLAS GELDERT,
Business Representative

Pickets, pies, scab meat wagon involved in CLC-Teamo accord

Local Teamsters guaranteed full support of Central Labor Council picket lines at a meeting between three CLC representatives and three members of the Teamsters Liaison Committee.

In turn, the labor council will appoint a committee to call on local grocery chain operators, urging them to stop handling products of Bright's Foods in Turlock.

The labor council will also help in a fight with Kaiser Foundation Hospital in San Francisco, which has a contract with Federal Ambulance Co., listed by the Teamsters as non-union.

Strikebreakers are making 12 brand-name and frozen and fruit pies at Bright's Foods in Turlock in defiance of Teamster Cannery Workers 748 of Modesto.

They include Libby, McNeil & Libby; River Valley, Armour's Star, Springfield, Frigid Dough, Oven Queen, Top Frost, Dartmouth, Dining In, Fancy Farms, Dinner Date and Ocoma, a representative told the labor council Jan. 30.

Participating in the CLC-Teamster session were:

Central Labor Council — Richard K. Groulx, assistant secretary; Peter J. Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101, and Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870.

Teamsters — Les Benham, Bakery Wagon Drivers 432; George Hunt, Milk Drivers 302, and Vern Pankey, Cannery Workers 750.

Recommendations of the CLC representatives were approved by the full council last week.

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next regular meeting will be held April 18, 1961.

JOSEPH MEDEIROS,
President

LEROY V. WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held at Colombo Hall on April 8, 1961. The Executive Board will meet at 1 p.m. The regular meeting will be called to order at 2 p.m. We are looking forward to seeing all members present.

Fraternally yours,
A. ROBERTSON,
Secretary

Alameda voters reject fire department hours cut

Alameda voters turned down Proposition A, which would have cut hours for city firemen from 67.2 to 56 a week in the city election March 14.

They re-elected Mayor William M. McCall and elected William S. Godfrey and William D. Dungan as city councilmen. Incumbent Councilwoman Helen L. Freeman was defeated.

Treasurer-Tax Collector Harold E. Crabb and Auditor-Assessor Raymond E. Brown were re-elected.

Labor's Council on Political Education (COPE) made no endorsements in the election.

Milk Drivers 302 tells all (for 17th consecutive year)

Milk Drivers 302 — proud of its record of community service and honest, effective unionism — has issued its 17th consecutive annual report to members and the public.

The report can be found on page 3 of this week's East Bay Labor Journal.

It also is being published in daily newspapers in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

A complete financial audit by a certified public accountant — has issued for inspection in the union office at 610 16th St.

PUPPETS & PAY RAISES

Main topics in the report on page 3 are the puppet theater at Fairyland in Lakeside Park, which Local 302 has sponsored for seven years, and results of 1960 negotiations.

Local 302 won a 15-cent hourly pay increase in all classifications and re-establishment of dual choice coverage under its welfare plan.

Not described in the report — but part of the tradition of Milk Drivers 302 — is its record of leadership in the labor movement and public affairs.

To cite just two examples: Jeff Cohelan, former secretary-treasurer, is a former Berkeley councilman and is now Congressman from the Seventh District; Al Brown, present secretary-treasurer, is a former president of the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

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FIRST PRIZE for originality in the Inaugural Parade was won by this float, entered by the AFLCIO Communications Workers of America. Paying tribute to President John F. Kennedy, the float was constructed with the theme of the Four Freedoms of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.—AFLCIO News Photo.

Steamfitters Credit Union

By JOHN WILLIAM ORR

When twenty-one and life before me lay,
It seemed retirement years were far away.
It didn't seem worth while to save just then,
We put that off till in the future—when?

When thirty-one, with family and with friend,
Life I enjoyed, and thought not of its end.
We bought a little life insurance then,
But put off planning thoroughly—till when?

When forty-one and thoroughly awake,
To many of the risks we daily take,
Our needs were great—we could not save just then,
So we delayed our saving—until when?

When fifty-one life seemed to press me sore,
Yes, harder than it ever had before.
Yet I must save for years were fleeting then,
Retirement seemed so near and death—well, when?

When sixty-one with working days most o'er,
My chance behind me lay and not before.
I should have saved in younger days—but when?
Well, since I can't save now, I should have then.

When you are young and life before you lies,
That is the time to open wide your eyes.
You should not put off saving until when,
Your only time to save, my son, is then.

Retirement, death and taxes, these are sure.
Prepare for them e'en though you must endure,
A little hardship in your early years,
'Tis better than to spend old age in tears.

Plan, work and save, make this your way of life,
And, in your planning, think of child and wife.
What will they do should your demise come soon?
'Tis later than you think, my son, act soon.

—Thomas W. Doig.

Machinists Auxiliary

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

Our first March meeting was called to order by President Ruth Downs, who, by the way, is taking hold like a veteran and doing a very efficient job of being president. After the usual order of business on the agenda was

disposed of, we had as guests two representatives of Local 1546 to discuss with us some matters regarding changes to be made in the very near future.

Our younger members have decided to organize a drill team, which will have the full support of us older members. The team will have as captains, Vice-President Sylvia Peterson and Past President Myrtis Neyhouse. If some of you members who have been rather lax in attending meetings think that you might be interested in attending more often and joining the drill team contact Sister Sylvia.

President Ruth, who was very miserable that evening with a cold, entertained the officers at her home and we all enjoyed her hospitality and delicious food which she served, very much.

Immediate dates are: On April 15th there will be a social get together at Sister Marian Williams' apartment in the St. Georges Hall. On April 20th there will be no meeting, as that is the night for the Machinists' 284 dinner. Also the same night is the Richmond Auxiliary birthday party. On May 18th, we will hold our own birthday party. And, then on June 1st, there will be an apron parade.

Our deepest sympathies to Brother Frank Stewart and Sister Katie in their recent loss of Frank's brother, which was very sudden.

Sister Marie Dixon reported that charter member Isabel Helmut, who has been ill is just about the same and that Sister Mary Logue who is home now is doing well.

The Past President will meet this month with Sister Myrtis Neyhouse.

The sewing club will meet on the fifth Thursday this month at Sister Gladys Lear's home.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

The list is down about 17 this week, a slow improvement at any rate.

If any brother is involved in an on-the-job accident, be sure to find out if your boss is on state or private coverage. Have your compensation application on the right forms. There is a lot of delay that results from reworking applications because they are sent to the wrong places.

The meeting this coming Friday to act on new by-laws should be a must, as you will all be affected and concerned. All but needed business will be side-tracked, and we will get right down to business.

The No. 4 Vacation Statement will be out before the end of March. There will be no service charge of \$2 on your vacation this year, and you will get it automatically in April, probably toward the end of the month.

Sheet Metal Snips

By AL ARELLANO

April 19, 1961, is the date; 8 p.m. is the time, and this is the date for our next regular meeting.

For this meeting we have a special event. Dr. J. W. Richardson of Rohm and Haas, chairman of the Education Committee for Northern California of the Society of Plastic Engineers, will be present.

Dr. Richardson will have a movie to show us on the use of plastics in industry. This film will show the use of plastics for only one phase in industry, but from what I have heard, it is a very interesting film.

At our meeting of March 15, we had a very impressive turnout. All seats were filled and only standing room available.

Paul Hudgins of Carpenters Credit Union gave a very interesting and informative talk on credit unions.

For those members who were unable to attend the meeting and are interested in joining a credit union, please call the office of Local 216, leaving your name. All names collected will be given to the Committee on Credit Unions and in the very near future there will be a special meeting. At this meeting, officers will be elected and a set of rules will be drawn up.

Tri-State Council Death Assessment No. 456 is now due and payable.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We are in the process of preparing letters informing the Santa Clara County employers that the 15 cents per hour wage increase is due and payable on April 1, in accordance with the terms of the union agreement.

The members working in Santa Clara County will receive the same notice that our other members received when an increase became effective, that there will be a slight increase in dues beginning with the month of April in Santa Clara County.

Warren Billings, who has been a member of this organization for a good many years, is desirous of repairing clocks for a few hours each day to keep himself occupied. If any of you have any clocks to repair, please call Warren at EXbrook 7-4638. He is located at 830 Market Street, Room 201, San Francisco.

I know there are a lot of you watchmakers throughout the area who have worked at Granat Bros. at one time or another and I am sure the vast majority of you remember Joe Rosenstock, who is now the foreman of the department.

I would like to let you know that Joe became a grandfather the past week when Joe's son became the father of a bouncing 9½ boy, Guy A. Rosenstock. The mother's name is Julie.

We can assure you that Joe himself is as proud as a peacock, and we wish Joe and his new grandson and family health and happiness.

Hayward Painters 1178

By WILEY H. MOUNTJOY

At the special meeting of March 15th, for which we had an excellent show-up, ten of our regular members put up \$5 each for a credit union charter. In four to six weeks, when the charter is ready, we will have another special called meeting for election of the Board of Directors. These ten charter members will be the nominating committee. No officer of the local union may serve as an officer of the credit union. We are now accepting deposits. All members and their immediate families are

DEADLINE NOON MONDAY

Deadline for union meeting notices and columns for the March 31 issue is noon, Monday, March 27.

eligible to belong to the credit union — the best place to save or borrow. Pass the word and bring the green money.

An accidental find of a stray piece of asbestos ore, right outside the office, led to a flurry of speculation, expedition forming, map studying, river course charting — and plans to undo the concrete work of the Army Engineers in Alameda Creek.

Bro. Charles Souza, at last report, is in Vets Hospital in Oakland for possible surgery. He would welcome a call from his friends.

Congratulations to Bro. Thomas Silva for:

(a) Passing Journeyman tests 100 per cent.

(b) Winning second place in National Panel Contest.

Ask to see the work card. It's the very least you can do as a union man.

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Bro. Charles DeFord on his recent death.

Painters Local No. 40

By GENE SLATE

Much time has been spent by the Painters and Building Trades Council in talks with the people in charge of maintenance for the Oakland Housing Authority. Local 40 expresses its thanks to the many people involved in reaching a satisfactory agreement for our members.

Our business representative, Ben Rasnick, tells me that the Berkeley firemen are in the process of painting the inside of the firehouses. We don't condone this practice, and it's especially bad when so many of our members are out of work. If you live in Berkeley, remember the above when the council men are up for re-election.

Work is still very slow. Ben tells me there are several large jobs that will break in the near future. Many employers report they have a lot of work on their books. This doesn't put meat on the table now, but it looks like we will have a good summer.

One of our oldtimers, Les Lodge, is seriously ill in the Alta Bates Hospital. I know Les would appreciate cards from his many friends. Address to Alta Bates Hospital, Room 322, Webster and Regent, Berkeley, Calif. Our senior trustee, Walter Matheny, is much better, and he expects to return to work soon.

With the nominations and election of officers coming up soon, it is especially important to attend your union meetings so you may get acquainted with the candidates and learn their views on the problems we will be facing. See you March 24th?

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Spring is here, and Summer's due. Bringing, we hope, good things for you. Now is the time for a Thinking Man to protect his family with out Blood Bank Plan. If some are annoyed by our repetitions, kindly reflect on prevailing conditions. Where members ignore our letters and pleas, until they've incurred certain penalties. Then we hear the claim from every side, that they positively weren't notified. We can't prevent, but we hope we can minimize this claim of our Blood Bank Plan. We need the aid of responsible men; here's our special announcement again.

Election of Administrative Committee, Saturday, April 1, 1961, in our Union Hall, 3637 San Pablo Ave., 10 a.m. If you've paid your \$2 annual fee, please attend.

Carpenters Credit Union

By PAUL HUDGINS, Treasurer

Your union funds will do the members more good in your own credit union. The local will get 4½ per cent interest, compounded quarterly, and the union members will benefit another ten or twenty per cent in savings on cost of credit, compared to outside averages.

You can't borrow from the local, but the local can invest in credit union certificates. The credit union then loans the money to the members, financing cars, making emergency loans, etc.

Transfer your union funds between April 1 and 10, to avoid any loss of interest. A full three months' interest will be added on June 30.

Union funds invested in your credit union are in guaranteed accounts, on the same basis as money we borrow from the bank. The bank receives our financial statement and has never hesitated to loan us any amount. We have \$10,000 right now, borrowed from Crocker-Anglo and loaned out to our members.

It's legal. Check your newly revised General Constitution of the United Brotherhood. On the Audit Committee we have a trustee from another local, the financial secretary from a third local, and directors from five locals. We now have over \$12,100 from two local unions.

Pin Rail

By WILLIAM PELKEY

The luncheon held at the Whistle Stop by the Alameda County Theatrical Federation was a roaring success. The after luncheon speakers, headed by Irv Cohen, were short and amusing. Most of the jokes can not be repeated here, but ask anyone that attended about the midnight trampoline.

I would like to give honorable mention to our visiting dignitaries from Fox West Coast Theatres, Inc.:

John Klee, district manager; Herman Kerskin, city manager, and Robert Reynolds, purchasing agent. From United California Theatres: Frank Galvin, district manager. Blumenfield Theatres, Charley Pincus and Hugh Jones. Jack McDougal of the Fox Oakland and Jack Lucy of the California Theatre in Berkeley. If I have left anybody out, I'm sorry. Our international representative, John Ford, looking very fit, shaking hands and renewing old friendships. Frank Figone of the janitors said (quote): "I've seen people here today I haven't seen in eighteen years, and I certainly hope it is not another eighteen years before we meet under these happy conditions again" (unquote). I'll second that. A vote of thanks to our committee that arranged this luncheon: Irv Cohen, Frank Figone and Jack Craig. A special note of thanks to Bill Daul. He signed the checks. Anybody wanting a copy of the picture taken at the luncheon contact Jack Craig. Jack didn't tell me how much they will cost, but he did say they would be available.

Labor Council supports State Fair Housing Act

The Hawkins Fair Housing Act. (Assembly Bill 801) has been endorsed by the Central Labor Council.

The act would make discrimination unlawful in all housing, not just publicly assisted housing.

It would expand the duties of the Fair Employment Practices Commission to include housing discrimination cases and change its name to the Fair Practices Commission.

Wage bill would extend coverage, set \$1.25 minimum

The Roosevelt bill to raise the federal minimum wage to \$1.25 and extend coverage to an additional 4,300,000 workers (H.R. 3935) has the support of the Central Labor Council.

The labor council voted to concur in the AFLCIO's drive for passage of the bill.

The latest AFLCIO Legislative Action Bulletin says:

"While this bill does not include everything that the AFLCIO would have liked, it is a good bill. Furthermore, in the judgment of those in Congress and out who support good minimum wage legislation, it is the only good bill which has a chance of passage."

Additional workers who would be covered include those in retail stores, laundries, local transit systems, small telephone exchanges, construction and ship-ping.

They would be brought under the Fair Labor Standards Act and their minimum wage would be raised to \$1.25 over a four-year period.

For workers presently covered by the FLSA, the minimum wage would be increased to \$1.25 within two years and four months.

The bill has been labeled "urgent" by the AFLCIO, which urges individual union members to write their congressmen and senators right away.

Groulx, Hellender are reappointed to CLC jobs

Richard K. Groulx and Arthur R. Hellender have been reappointed as assistant secretaries of the Central Labor Council by Robert S. Ash, executive secretary.

The reappointments were approved by the Executive Committee March 10 and by CLC delegates March 13.

Both were appointed originally in 1957, when the AFL and CIO merged in Alameda County. Before that, Groulx was a business representative for Office Workers 29, and Hellender was community services representative for the State CIO.

Benner thanks Ash for message to conference

Harold Benner of School Employees 257 thanked Robert S. Ash, Central Labor Council executive secretary, for sending a message to the seventh California State Conference of Public Employees March 3 and 4.

Benner reported on the conference, for unions affiliated with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, at the March 6 Central Labor Council meeting.

Others attending from Local 257 were John Meyers and Lyman Penning.

New CLC delegates

New delegates seated at the March 12 Central Labor Council meeting were Helen Faber of Cooks 228 and John Wilder of Electrical Workers 1245.

Employer doubletracks on vacation clause offer

Agreement has been reached between Stationary Engineers 39 and the National Cylinder Gas Co. in San Leandro after a contract dispute involving a vacation clause.

According to William LeFevre, business representative for Local 39, his union and the company reached tentative agreement on vacation coverage. But other employers put pressure on National, and it backed down, LeFevre said.

Subsequently, the local obtained strike sanction from the Central Labor Council to back up its demands.

The company then returned with its former offer. Union members will receive two-week vacations after one year's employment, three weeks after five years, and four weeks after 15 years.

'March to Aldermaston' to be shown in Oakland

The British film "March to Aldermaston" will be shown at 8 p.m. today (Friday, March 24) at the Mills Terrace Christian Church, 5410 Fleming Ave., and at 8 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at 411 28th St., under sponsorship of the East Bay Peace Committee.

Dr. Marshall Windmiller of Teachers 1352 will speak at Friday night's meeting. Dr. Frances Herring of the University of California will speak Sunday night.

Optical Technician gives demonstration for CLC

Stephen Harender of Optical Technicians 501 gave a demonstration at last week's Central Labor Council meeting to show that safety glasses are really safe.

Harender's demonstration was prompted by one the previous week by Glaziers 169, showing that tempered, or case hardened auto glass, now standard on most new cars, can shatter.

Martin Luther King

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Southern Negro sit-in leader, will speak at Oakland Auditorium at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, March 26, under auspices of the Western Christian Leadership Conference. Two other East Bay appearances are planned.

'Briefing Session'

'Briefing Session,' the new AFLCIO TV series, can be seen on KQED at 9 p.m., Wednesdays, according to a letter to the Central Labor Council from Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation.

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CWA 9490 asks Longaker's help in Western Electric fight

Communications Workers 9490 has asked Deputy State Labor Commissioner Dan Longaker to make Western Electric Co. return dues deducted from the paychecks of its 1,050 members for January and February.

Western Electric refused to turn over payroll deductions of dues of 17 Communications Workers of America locals all over the United States.

The refusal came after members throughout the nation turned down a new contract worked out by CWA and Western Electric negotiators.

Joe Hightower, Local 9490 president, said Western Electric was practicing "harrassment."

A second contract proposal — almost identical with the one narrowly turned down — is now being submitted by mail to Local 9490's members throughout Northern California and Nevada.

Chief difference in the new proposal is that Western Electric agrees to separate negotiations on the knotty issue of per diem pay for those transferred out of town.

Ballots will be counted by Local 9490 March 29 and nationwide results are expected to be in by March 31.

LOCAL GETS LOAN

Meanwhile, Local 9490 has received a \$2,000 loan from the international union to keep its office running.

The local figures that Western Electric has withheld about \$10,000 in dues which it has not paid to the union.

Of this, about half goes to the international and the rest to the local.

John Bogard, Oakland area representative for Local 9490, filed the complaint with the deputy labor commissioner.

Deputy Commissioner Longaker said:

"Section 222 of the California Labor Code says it's a misdemeanor to fail to pay wages which are arrived at as a result of a collective bargaining agreement. Thus it would appear the money is being wrongfully withheld by the employer."

Longaker's office is investigating further.

'Economic justice' held key to Berkeley schools' minority group problems

Minority group problems in Berkeley schools would be lessened if Negroes received higher wages.

This was the argument of Richard K. Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, at a recent meeting called to discuss the report of a committee headed by Municipal Judge Redmond C. Staats, Jr.

If the economic gap between the Negro and white families was smaller, Groulx said, the problems facing school counselors, psychologists and officials would be smaller, too.

In other words, "economic justice" is the answer Groulx said.

Candidates' night

A candidates' night will be sponsored by Oakland Town Meeting and the Oakland League of Women Voters at 8 p.m., April 10 at Lakeview School, Grand avenue and MacArthur boulevard.

Candidates for mayor, city council and the school board in Oakland will be invited.

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PAUL S. WILLIAMS, Editor

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Why Governor Brown should be re-elected

Our issue telling about the things California's working people can thank Governor Brown for brought several favorable comments.

One interesting sidelight can be found in a letter printed elsewhere on this page. Apparently our sources were too conservative, if anything!

After the issue went to press, we discovered the program for the Central Labor Council's testimonial dinner for the governor in the back shop. We wish we had included the unsigned statement on the back in that issue. It sums up the significance of the Brown Administration better than all the statistics. It would be a good rallying cry for all union members in the campaign to re-elect our friend, Governor Brown, two years hence:

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"Since January of 1959, the governor has effected the most productive and liberal achievements of any administration since Hiram Johnson.

"The governor has given California a new sense of social direction and, at the same time, a new sense of fiscal stability. Thus, while the FEPC is new to California, so also is the truly balanced budget.

"Responsible liberalism has become something more than a political cry. It has become the keystone of state government. There will be no turning back. Indeed, the nation is just now coming to the new frontiers of achievement which California reached with the election of Edmund G. Brown."

Exporting jobs

Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee has written a bill to close tax loopholes which encourage U.S. corporations to export American jobs overseas.

By setting up foreign subsidiaries, they pay no U.S. income tax on profits until returned to the parent U.S. corporation. This amounts to an interest-free loan by the U.S. government and encourages investment overseas, rather than at home.

Another loophole lets U.S. corporations subtract foreign income taxes from the amount their branches pay our government — rather than deduct them from gross income like any other business expense.

In reporting on Senator Gore's bill, The Machinist publishes a survey by the McGraw Hill Publishing Co. on why U.S. firms invest abroad.

Contrary to popular belief, lower wage costs is not an important reason for overseas investment by U.S. firms. It ranks No. 6 in the McGraw-Hill survey, which is based on questions answered by the manufacturing companies responsible for three-fourths of U.S. money invested abroad.

Reasons given were: new markets, 48 per cent; higher profits, 20 per cent; trade restrictions, 16 per cent; raw materials, 13 per cent; competition, 10 per cent; labor costs, 6 per cent; others, 3 per cent.

Building Trades jobs

Building permits issued by the City of Oakland during February fell below the same month last year in both number and volume. There were 29 fewer permits issued in February, 1961, and the value of the building they authorized was \$415,159 less.

In several recent months, however, we have been faced with a confusing situation. More building permits have been issued than in the corresponding period the year before — despite the recession.

Building Trades unionists inform us, however, that building permits are not necessarily a reliable index of employment.

— Home building, which provides the bulk of jobs for many crafts, has fallen off sharply.

— Many building trades are the victims of automation.

Lift slab construction and other new techniques have eliminated much form building — and, with it, Carpenters' jobs.

Many concrete bridges and other structures are pre-cast in yards and trucked into place, cutting down on both total and on-site workers employed.

The true unemployment situation in the Building Trades is shown by the figures on page one. Even some Republicans are now admitting that things are, in fact, getting worse before they get better.

New Tools for the Job



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RIGHT-TO-WORK CROWD AND HUAC

Editor, Labor Journal:

Every member of Organized Labor should know that anti-labor legislation is pushed through Congress by a combination of reactionary Republicans and Dixiecrats. Witness the Taft-Hartley and Landrum-Griffin laws. Every laboring person should also know that Franklin Roosevelt did more for union labor than all the other Presidents together. Witness the Wagner Act, Social Security and others too numerous to mention.

The original House Un-American Committee was fathered by the anti-labor Texas segregationist, Martin Dies, to fight against the Roosevelt program. The present HUAC was the spawn of the notorious John Rankin, a labor-hating racist from Mississippi. Look at some of the men who have staffed the committee: Parnell Thomas, anti-labor Republican who was sent to prison for defrauding the government; John Wood, Georgia Dixiecrat; Karl Mundt, arch reactionary Republican; and let us not forget that great "friend" of the working man, Dick Nixon.

The committee exists for one purpose — the creation of a political climate favorable to the election of reactionary officials. It accomplishes this by smearing and intimidating (and imprisoning) those who oppose and criticize it or its policies — all under the pretense of fighting Communism. Its procedures are in violation of the Constitution because they attempt to tell American citizens what they may or may not think. The HUAC is a dagger at the throat of unionism because it is a tool of the Right-to-Work crowd. The purchase of two thousand copies of "Operation Abolition" by big business to be used to brainwash their employees is proof of this.

Every segregationist in the country is an admirer of the HUAC. The Jim Crow mob in New Orleans waited for a HUAC investigation as soon as one white child dared attend an integrated school. I suppose this was an example of how Communists are infiltrating our schools.

It is shocking to find members of the AFL-CIO who support the HUAC. I refer to the letter in the opinion column of March 10, 1961, East Bay Labor Journal. Scabbing does not consist alone in going through a picket line. Greater harm is often done Labor by supporting and electing

to office politicians who sell us down the river.

CHARLES WALSH,
Member, Watchmakers 101

WE OVERLOOKED \$21 MILLION!

Editor, Labor Journal:

Referring to your splendid editorial and your front page story on "Why Governor Brown has been a true Friend of labor," we wish to compliment you for same. But we also wish to call your attention to the fact that you failed to include in the benefits derived from the 1959 session of the Legislature, the gains made in Workmen's Compensation benefits under the Crown-Burton-Petris bill, and the gains under the Waldie bill for persons retired under the terms of a collective bargaining contract. Under the Crown-Burton-Petris bill, the workers received a raise of \$15 per week to a maximum of \$65. The monetary worth under this bill is:

Increases in temporary disability payments	\$ 4,000,000
Increases in permanent disability payments	9,200,000
Increases in death benefit payments	2,100,000
Increases in burial payments	1,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 15,400,000

In the matter of the Waldie bill, it provides a worker who retires under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement may receive 26 weeks of unemployment benefits, even though he may be receiving his Social Security and industry pension as well. (This was an ILWU bill.) The benefits that the workers of the State of California receive under this law are six million dollars per year.

Therefore, you overlooked over twenty-one million dollars per year benefits that should have been credited to Gov. Brown and his administration.

Your policy of informing the people about these facts will dispel some of the confusion among the workers that has been drummed into the public by the commercial press, and their program of belittling and criticism (unjust) of Governor Brown. Certainly, it is their goal to convince the workers that they need someone like Nixon, Knowland, or worse, and it is demoralizing to see that even some of the union people are confused by such tactics.

MICHAEL JOHNSON,
Legislative Representative,
Calif. Dist. Council, ILWU

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DIFFERS WITH CLC OVER HUAC ISSUE

Editor, Labor Journal:

You say the Communist "conspiracy" to take over the U.S. isn't nearly as real a menace as the suppression of unpopular beliefs and the distortion of truth practiced by some defenders of the House Un-American Activities Committee. One only has to read "A Handbook For Americans" as an eye-opener, to see how the Communist Party seeks to permeate every phase of American life for its own subversive purpose.

The riot at the S.F. hearings followed the old party line, to create civil strife and, to quote Olgin, a former member of the Central Committee of the C. P. of U.S.A.: "we go to the law making institutions not to tinker them up for the benefit of the capitalists, but to be a 'monkey wrench' in their machinery." The old saying, "know thine enemy," is the best way to combat this evil, and I believe that the HUAC does more good than harm.

Civil rights are mentioned in your editorial. What is in question is not a traditional problem of individual civil rights, but an organized conspiratorial assault on our entire legal process. Using democracy to destroy democracy. But there is no necessity for democracy to remain an idle witness to its own destruction. To all the innocent witnesses who were denied employment, loss of jobs and protection by his union, I ask this pertinent question: "Why is the plea of self-incrimination — one not resorted to by honest men — the refuge of the witness?" Men with honest motives and purposes do not remain silent when their honor is assailed.

The Labor Council does not speak for me and neither does my union. I still am of the opinion that the House Un-American Activities Committee is doing a good job and agree fully with Jim Dahl's letter in the March 10, 1961 East Bay Labor Journal, that many of these confused "liberals" were given every chance to refute the charges.

I believe that, given a more accurate knowledge of the Communist conspiracy, fewer Americans will fall victim to its wiles and Mr. Khrushchev will bury us . . . not.

BERNADETTE EYSELEE
Member, Culinary
Alliance 31

PENSION — \$6.04 A MONTH, 13 YRS.

Editor, Labor Journal:

I worked for the late Key System for 25 years. I retired in May, 1947, age 65. I was to receive \$44.50 per month pension, but, as they paid towards my Social Security up to the time I retired, they claimed that they were entitled to the equivalent of one-half of same, which was \$38.40.

Although they only paid \$237 toward same, they have deducted from my pension \$5,000 up to date. All I am receiving is \$6.04 per month for the past 13 years.

Under the new agreement between the union and the present transit district, all employees are to receive their full pensions, irrespective of how long they worked for the Key System, but there has been no provision made for the former Key System pensioners.

I have been paying dues since 1918 and am now wondering what for.

E. H. ARNOLD,
Member, Carmen's 193